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**WEEK 1, TERM 1**  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February,**  
**2017**

**The next assembly will be on**  
**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, at**  
**10:15am and will be hosted by**  
**Ms Power's Year 6/7 class.**



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### Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850  
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521  
Student Absences: 0412 089 811

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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- Canteen Arrangements for 2017
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### DIARY DATES

8 Feb Acquaintance Night  
17 Feb RAN Training for Volunteers 1-3pm  
22 Feb Governing Council AGM  
15 Mar School Photos

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**Acquaintance Night**  
**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5:30pm – 6:30pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all the children had a good first week of school and I thank the many children and parents I have met for the warm welcome to Pimpala I have received. I look forward to working with parents/carers, staff and students to make the wonderful school that we have at Pimpala even better.

On Wednesday, we will be holding our 'Acquaintance Night' from 5:30 – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's classroom teacher and find out some important information about the class learning program and important routines. I encourage you to take the opportunity to attend this evening as the more information you have the easier it will be for your child and yourself to navigate through the year.

During 'Acquaintance Night' the teachers will speak about the best way to approach them and the school on a variety of issues that may arise throughout the year. Teachers are very giving of their time and are willing to assist you whenever they can. If you need to speak to a teacher about something regarding your child that requires a detailed response, please put a note in your child's diary and the teacher will contact you to organise a time to meet. If your child's teacher is unable to assist they will direct you to the person who can assist. For issues regarding school policy or practice please contact the Front Office and one of the leadership team will contact you as soon as possible.

At this time of the year it is vital to reinforce the importance of attending school each day and arriving on time. There is a very direct correlation between school attendance and student achievement. Basically, children who attend school each day and who are on time make better progress than those who don't. Sometimes, it appears that being absent a day here or there doesn't matter but when you look at the cumulative effect over a student's school life it becomes really apparent the difference these days off can have. For example, if a child was to be absent 3 times each term, that is 12 days in the year and 156 days during the whole of their schooling which is about three-quarters of one school year. From this example you can see how the numbers mount up and can become quite significant. For this reason, the Department of Education and schools are very serious about making sure children attend each day. It is the role of the school to follow-up absences and make sure students are attending. If your child is absent, please let the school know or respond to the SMS message that is sent to you.

As we move forward, we plan to phase out printed Newsletters. After this week we will not be sending newsletters home with the students and you will be able to access them from the Skoolbag App or the website. Enclosed are instructions to ensure you can gain access to the App. The Front Office will keep limited copies for those of you requiring a hard copy.

Have a great week.

Ken Smith  
**PRINCIPAL**



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## BITUMEN

As you may have noticed we have had significant works around the school in preparation for new bitumen. The good news is that the bitumen will start being laid today and next week so things should go back to normal fairly soon.

## PARKING/KISS & DROP

Public parking is **not** available on school grounds, however, Disabled Parking spaces are available in the outer car park. These parks are only for those people who have been issued a Disabled Parking Permit, and need to exit their vehicle onto school grounds, not just to sit in the car and wait for, or drop off students.

The Kiss and Drop zone on Vanstone Avenue allows traffic to flow while students are entering and exiting the vehicles. PLEASE do not park in the Kiss and Drop zone.

Can you also please ensure your children use only the footpath side of the car. We have had near misses where students have opened doors into oncoming traffic or race to try to get into the car while other cars are trying to pass. Please be patient while waiting for your turn for your children to enter or exit the vehicle.

In the interests of the safety of our students and school community please be patient, use the paths provided and take due care when picking up or dropping off your children. We thank you for your cooperation.

## CLASS STRUCTURES / TEACHERS 2017

Reception	Pam Ryles
Reception	Silvia Lang
Rec/Year 1	Hazel Dobson
Year 1	Sandra Howlett
Year 1	Pam Sims
Year 2/3	Lauren Robins (Mon-Tues) & Elira Dixon (Wed-Fri)
Year 2/3	Susan Kaye (Mon – Thurs) & Lauren Robins (Fridays)
Year 2/3	Peter Lucas
Year 2/3	Mel Yates
Year 3/4	Nigel Branson
Year 3/4	Gerry Lewis (Mon – Thurs) & Sarah Kemp (Fridays)
Year 3/4	Jordan Wheatcroft
Year 5/6	Chris Burns
Year 5/6	Richard Kemp
Year 5/6	Alyssa Rigney
Year 6/7	Christine Seyfang
Year 6/7	Jo Power
Indonesian	Rachel Pullman
Music	Sarah Pearce
Science	Vance Smith
Physical Education	Michael Sboru
Library	Deb Hampton
Student Learning Support	Sarah Kemp (Mon-Thurs)

## PIMPALA'S DAILY PROGRAM

School Starts:	8:50 am <i>Students must be in class when the bell sounds</i>
Recess Eating Time:	10:40 am
Recess Play Time:	10:50 am – 11:10 am
Lunch Eating Time:	12:40 pm – 12:50 pm
Lunch Play Time:	12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Dismissal:	3:10 pm

## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Acquaintance Night will be held on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017** at 5:30pm – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and find out more about our school. You will be able to seek clarification on any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Library will be open and everyone is encouraged to visit. Please come along and read a book with your family members. A staff member will be taking photos so you can become part of the Library display.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January-Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May-Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July-Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October-Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December

## CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017

Lunch orders and counter sales will commence on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**. A new menu / price list has been sent home separately.

After the success of our Mexican special lunch last year we have decided to include some items of the Mexican flavour. New items this year are Nachos and Mexican Wrap. Also included is Fish & Chips.

All cash payments can be left in the classroom Lunch Boxes, please take EFTPOS/Credit Card payments to the Canteen staff.

<b>Uniform Shop</b>	Monday & Wednesday 8.30am – 9.00am
<b>Kitchens</b>	Friday morning before 9.15am

If you are available to help in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday and / or Fridays, please see Trish in the Canteen, or the Front Office staff. Fridays and Special Lunch days are our busiest days, but if you can help on any of the days the canteen is open, that would be great. All help is greatly appreciated.

## 2017 SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for school fees have been sent home with students this week along with School Card forms. If you are eligible for School Card we would appreciate it if you could return School Card forms as soon as possible. If you are having financial difficulties paying your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Pam Pearce at the Front Office.

**Payments can be made via the following methods...**

### Online (Credit Card)

Visit [www.pimpalaps.sa.edu.au](http://www.pimpalaps.sa.edu.au) or the Skoolbag App to pay online.

### In person

The Finance Window is open in the Courtyard each morning from 8:30am - 9:15am.

**School fees must be paid in full by no later than Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (unless paying by instalments)**

### Payment by Instalment

School fees can be paid by instalments, please fill in a Direct Debit Request Form which is available on the website or app and return it to the Finance Office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please note invoices must be finalised by the end of Term 2 (Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July) unless alternate arrangements are made with the school.

## KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE



The vegetable garden flourished throughout the Christmas holidays with the help of our humid, tropical weather. Some of the beautiful produce currently growing in the garden are

tomatoes, capsicums, eggplants, silver beet, zucchinis and a large variety of herbs. We also have good crops of different varieties of apples that are just about ready for picking! Our two fig trees have also fruited for the first time and we can look forward to good crops from them in the future.

If you have excess produce from your own home gardens we are happy to take it for our kitchen lessons. Any produce can be dropped off to the Front Office or left in the kitchens from Monday to Thursday, we are always extremely grateful for your donations.

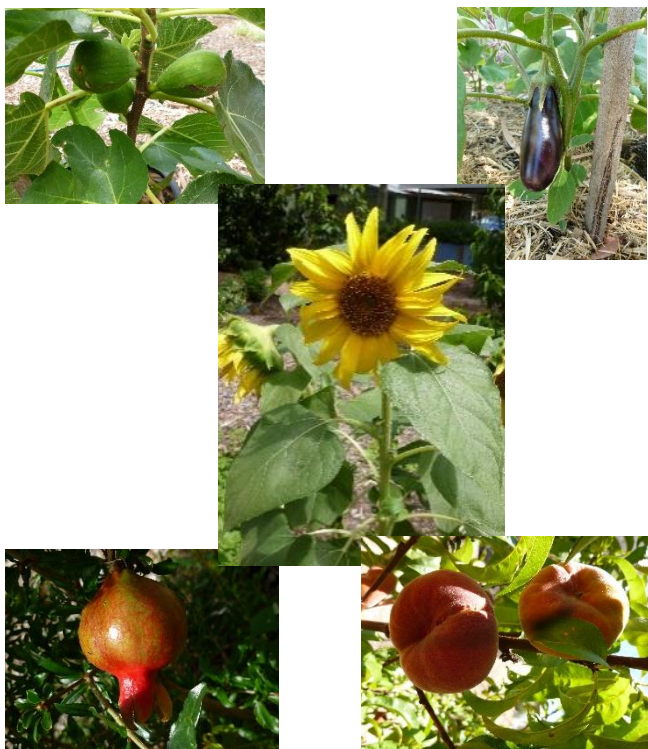
The Kitchen Garden Program will once again run as a whole school program this year. Each year level will participate in a block of both kitchen and garden lessons.

Each kitchen lesson requires 6 volunteers. It would be lovely to have some volunteers in the garden as well to help supervise small groups of students with activities such as sowing seeds, seed saving, watering etc. Volunteers can be parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts or uncles. Volunteers are also welcome to help out in numerous classes if they wish. Volunteers need to have completed the RAN-EC Training and have a current DCSI – clearance to work with children.

You can apply for your DCSI clearance by completing a form at the Front Office. Pimpala Primary School will be running a RAN-EC training session on the 17<sup>th</sup> February (see volunteer information in this newsletter).

If you have any questions about the program or wish to put your name down to volunteer in one or more of the classes, please don't hesitate to ring or SMS my volunteer mobile number 0408 637 850.

We also look forward to strengthening our relationship this year with the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program. This will include hosting luncheons, garden tours, gardening sessions and Choir performances.



Term 1	
Weeks 3-10	Ms Power - Year 6/7 class Ms Seyfang – Year 6/7 class

Term 2	
Weeks 3-10	Mr Burns Year 5/6 class Mr Kemp's Year 5/6 class Mrs Rigney's Year 5/6 class

Term 3	
Weeks 1-5	Mrs Lewis - Year 3/4 class Mr Branson - Year 3/4 class Mr Wheatcroft – Year 3/4 class
Weeks 6-10	Mrs Kaye – Year 2/3 class Miss Dixon/Mrs Robins' Year 2/3 class Mr Lucas – Year 2/3 class Mrs Yates – Year 2/3 class

Term 4	
Weeks 1-3	Ms Howlett - Year 1 class Mrs Sims - Year 1 class Mrs Dobson – Reception/Year 1 class
Weeks 4-6	Mrs Lang - Reception class Mrs Ryles - Reception class

Michele Ormsby-Smith  
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Coordinator  
Volunteer Mobile 0408 637 850

## VOLUNTEER WORKSHOPS

**All** volunteers are required to undertake the **Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care – for volunteers** training (RAN-EC), formally known as Mandatory Reporting to be able to volunteer at school. This is a mandatory requirement and is in addition to the Department for Communities & Social Inclusion - Working with Children screening.

We have scheduled a RAN-EC volunteer workshop on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February from 1-3pm in the Library. Please book into this session at the Front Office.

If you are considering volunteering at the school in **any** capacity (including coaching or team managing sports teams, cooking or reading in the classroom etc) it is recommended that you also attend this session. Alternatively, sessions are run by the SA Association of School Parent's Clubs Incorporated at various locations, occasionally. You can contact them directly for training.

If you have already completed this training for 2015-2017 at school or elsewhere, you are not required to attend. Please provide the school with a copy of your certificate of completion if you have not already done so.

If you would like clarification regarding volunteering or this training please see Barb in the Front Office.

## HOT WEATHER POLICY

When the weather is forecast to be 35 degrees or higher the Hot Weather Policy is implemented. What this means to your child is the lunch play and recess play times are reversed. That way the students have an extended recess (so they are able to play outside in the cooler part of the day) and a shorter lunch break.

If the temperature is 35 degrees or higher at recess and/or lunch time they will play inside.



## STUDENT PERMISSION FORM 2017

Thank you for returning the Student Permission Forms so promptly this year. For those of you who have not already done so, can you please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**. This form enables your child to participate in school activities including Library Borrowing, Local Excursions and having photos taken.

The permission form now has a section on the reverse side regarding images. Please ensure you complete this section too.

**The Student Permission Forms must be completed each year.**

Can you also please complete the **Information Technology – Cyber Safety Policy** (for YEAR 4 students only). The Cyber Safety Policy is divided into three parts with the first part providing general information, the second part relevant for Reception to Year 3 students and the third part for Years 4 – 7. The parent approvals are also signed by the students as a contract of use and are valid for the years the students are in the relevant age range. Consequently, only those students going from Year 3 in 2016 to Year 4 in 2017 need to complete this form and agreement of use.

Please return this form (by Year 4 students only) by **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017** so students can access our IT facilities.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Would you like to have your say? Do you have ideas and or suggestions you would like to share? Would you like to be involved in your child's education? Do you have 2 Monday nights free per term? Are you prepared to participate in some fundraising events and activities? If so, please come along to the Governing Council Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 at 7pm in the Library**. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Please let Leadership or Front Office staff know if you would like to nominate for a position on Governing Council. The email address for all correspondence is [dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

## FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the school **EVERY time** you change any of your details including phone numbers, mobiles, address, and emergency contacts. Already this year we have come across some disconnected numbers and had mail returned, so please check that we have your new number and new address.

**This information is critical if we need to contact you in an emergency.**

Please also ensure we have your current email address.

## MEDICATION

It is the *parent's* responsibility to ensure any medication kept at school for your child is in date and that there are adequate supplies. Please note: this includes puffers.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9:15am during term time. We also take phone orders and payments, for your convenience.

## NUT AWARE POLICY

As a number of our students have a severe nut allergy, please abide by the enclosed Nut Aware Policy.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Pimpala will once again participate in Scholastic Book Club this year. Twice a term, during the school year a Scholastic catalogue with different selections of books will be offered.

Scholastic offers award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. These books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are quite inexpensive.

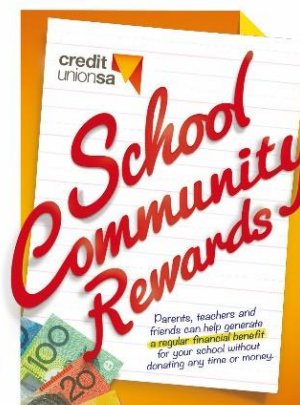
A great way to encourage reading is to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

### Payment

Once you have looked over the catalogue and selected books you wish to purchase there are 2 ways to pay.

1. Mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue and return the order form to the Finance Window with payment.
  2. Log into [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or on Google Play for Android.
- LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents. For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
  - Select your school and your child's class.
  - Add your child's first name and last initial (so Scholastic know who the book is for).
  - Enter the item number from the book Club catalogue.
  - You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
  - All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will be delivered to your child's classroom when you order by the closing date.
  - There is no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school when paying by LOOP.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



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### Here's how it works:

1. Simply take out any of Credit Union SA's highly competitive banking products – including affordable home and personal loans, credit cards, savings and transaction accounts, insurance and more.
2. Nominate your school as a School Community Rewards beneficiary.
3. Credit Union SA will then regularly donate a portion of our profits to your school, providing extra funds to use however the school wishes.

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